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Subject: RE: CO wildfires

Especially with as mild as our November and Decembers have been in recent years, would have been better to jump on it sooner than later, but I am sure the state has their reasons. I will keep you posted as we learn more and if/when this includes us.

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I would agree with FEMA on not delaying...then you hit spring snow melt and that could be as difficult if not more difficult than doing the work in the winter. Interesting...we'll see how this all pans out!

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There was a lot of talk with the state and FEMA about timing a month or so ago. The state wanted to delay any declaration until early spring, when the snow was gone so they could better clean up. FEMA did not want to delay. So it will be interesting to see how this plays out and how much will really be used for clean up vs. resources. \$82 million is a lot, but almost \$60 million seems to be going to resources. I did not see any further details on the funding request, so hard to tell what assistance they are seeking.

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Wow...that's more structures than I expected. It would have been nice if the state had got on this more quickly...it could be rough going if a MA comes through during the winter months.

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This is what I was able to find unofficially. Colorado is asking for \$82 million, includes firefighting helicopter (\$24 M) and additional funding for Colorado AirCorps (\$34 M). Resources could only be used on fires burning on Colorado land (ie, not federal lands etc). This is what is being reported in the news, although, I do wonder if there could be some agreement put in place to borrow/share resources. Here is some structure information.

The Larimer County Damage Assessment Teams (DAT) have completed assessments of all known structure damage caused by the Cameron Peak Fire. The DAT includes personnel from the Larimer County Assessor's Office and the Larimer County Building Department. The Larimer County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit and Initial Attack Module accompanied the DAT to make sure they could access the properties safely.

A total of 469 structures were impacted by the fire as follows:

- 461 structures destroyed (residential and outbuildings)
- 224 residential structures were destroyed and 4 sustained damage
- 220 outbuilding were destroyed and 4 sustained damage
- 17 business structures were impacted (Shambhala)
- 42 of the residential structures impacted were primary residences

East Troublesome: destroyed or damaged 366 homes and 214 secondary structures.

CalWood: 26 structures damaged.

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Thanks for the heads up. Have you heard any recent impacted structure counts for CO?

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Hi there,

I am seeing in the news today that Gov Polis sent a letter to President Trump requesting a Disaster Declaration for the wildfires. I have asked Gina to look into it when she is back in the office and see if there is any talk of us being requested to assist. Just an FYI. I will let you know if anything further comes of it. Take care, Dee

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